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For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 374

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Hongkong, April 3, 1889. 388

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W. HAYWARD,
Secretary.

Shanghai, 4th April, 1889. 653

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10 a.m. to half hour.

12 m. to quarter of an hour.

THURSDAYS.

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12 p.m. to 1 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

3 p.m. to 5 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

SUNDAYS.

10.40 a.m. to 12 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

12 p.m. to 1 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

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A. SANDFORD,
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6.00 A.M. 3.00 P.M. 6.20 A.M. 2.45 P.M.
6.30 " 3.30 " 7.00 " 3.45 "
7.15 " 4.00 " 7.30 " 4.45 "
8.00 " 4.40 " 8.15 " 5.15 "
8.30 " 5.20 " 8.45 " 5.10 "
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2.30 "

The above Time Table will be strictly adhered to, except under unavoidable circumstances. In case of streets of weather, due notice will be given of any stoppage.

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To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Co.'s Steamship *Palmarus*, Captain JADESON, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 8th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, April 6, 1889. 613

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 5, 1889.

WYVERN, British steamer, 1,103, Brotherton, Saigon April 1, Rice and General.

TONG KEE, Chinese steamer, 1,000, Foochow April 2, Amoy 3, and Swatow 5, 21, General—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. inform us that the s.s. "Wing-pan," from Calcutta for this port, left Singapore this morning.

Taihakou reports:—Called on the 8th March at the steamer "Ardency" and landed stores etc. She appeared to be in much the same position before.

The Eighth Sloop Competition of the Hong-kong Rifle Association at 600 yards took place this afternoon between 30 Members, and was won by Mr E. Robinson, with a score of 41 points. Lieut. Carlyle was second with a score of 38 points.

A thunderstorm, accompanied by a heavy fall of rain, began yesterday afternoon and continued throughout the whole night. The rain ceased only about noon to-day, and up till that time thunder could be heard in the distance at intervals.

Davies stranded on Shantung.—On Sunday morning, between 9 and 10.30 o'clock, the steam launch carrying the Bethel flag will call along any vessel hoisting code-pennant C., to convey men ashore to 11 a.m. service at St. Peter's Seamen's Church, returning about 12.30.

The Ho-Pao, under the familiar heading, "Cheating men from afar," gives the text of a proclamation by the two city Magistrates of Canton, issued by them by order of the Viceroy at the instance of Mr Alabaster, British Consul. It quotes a despatch of the Consul's to the Viceroy, recapitulating numerous recent instances of insults offered by the Cantonese to respectable foreigners visiting the City or the neighbouring country; and warns the people that any one caught insulting or throwing stones at foreigners will be severely punished.

In justice to Messrs Melchers & Co., we must add to the account of the coolie disturbance on board the China, which we published yesterday, the fact that the coolies received here tickets with Deli distinctly printed on them and that they were all distinctly made to understand that the vessel was bound for Deli, for which port she duly cleared on the 22nd March. So far as we can judge by what is reported in the Free Press, the disturbance would seem to have been contrived by the coolie brokers in Singapore, who are enraged that the traffic is now being carried on direct and not through them. It is a strange fact at any rate that the coolies were claimed by these brokers as if their arrival was anticipated.

CANTON is a great and busy city, full of bustling activity till late into the night; but it has hitherto been very badly lighted with little oil-lamps giving a flame no bigger than a bean nor brighter than a glow-worm. Since however was so extensively introduced, the streets have been a little lighter, but the Viceroy now desires, it is said, to make a still further improvement, and introduce gas, which he already uses in his own yamen. He has ordered, so it is rumoured, the two City Magistrates to obtain from the *Yao-chia* statistics of the cost of the oil used monthly for lighting, and gas will be as soon as possible introduced if it be found that it would not be much more expensive than the present system.—*Hs Pao*.

Two men named Teo Yung and Ho Chung were brought before Mr Wodehouse in the Police Court to-day charged with stealing a number of valuable articles belonging to Messrs A. Dass & G. H. Potts. The rooms occupied by these two gentlemen had been looked on different occasions, the property taken away amounting in value to about \$150. Mr Dass stated that on the night of the 28th ult. he missed four silver cups, about two dozen silk handkerchiefs, some sleeve buttons and some shirt studs. The theft had been committed while he was out, and the window of his room was open at the time. Mr Potts said he awoke on the night of the 25th ult. and missed some things from his bedroom, including a watch and chain. The things were lying on a table beside his bed, about a foot from his head. He recognized the second defendant as a man who had been acting for a few days as a substitute house-keeper on the premises, and to the best of his belief, the man was so engaged at the time of the robbery. The case was remanded for further evidence.

The Police in Singapore are agitating for an advance of wages. The Straits Times contains a long article setting forth their grievances, which it makes the following comments:—The police constable at home is a working man—that is to say he is of the grade of the labouring classes. When he comes here he ceases to belong to that grade, and he is forced to live in a fashion somewhat resembling that of the middle classes. That is to say his food and many other things have to be paid for among a population which exists upon European lines, having treated it as supercilious and wealthy class. Now the policeman does not, and cannot, understand that that belongs to his condition, and in the pinch of circumstances he feels compelled to be, and he is, a victim of impulsion of truth. The cost of a man's pay is a matter of the same feeding as the grade to which he at the time belongs. Stated in this way, any person will see that the European constable's pay is utterly insufficient. On the question might be put in another way: Can the man, living in a celibate condition, and living with economy, have a reasonable sum out of his pay?—The European constable can do neither one thing nor the other, and if he had known so he certainly would not have come here.

The Russian man-of-war "Korolev" left Shanghai on the 31st ult. for North Saikai Island.

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The eldest son of the Viceroy Li Hung-chang left Shanghai in the a.m. "Hawthorn," bound for Tientsin on the 16th March. He was formerly Secretary of Embassy in London and Paris, and bears the rank of Professor. On 20th March was the birthday of his mother, and there was a grand Chinese dinner to celebrate the event at the Viceroy's Yamen to native officials, etc.

The Chinkiang correspondent of the Shanghai Mercury writes:—For the last twenty-four hours it has been blowing hard from the north-east. One of the boats belonging to the British pilot-boat "Purpose" went from the ship to land a party of officers, was run into by a native boat, lost part of her rudder, and was severely injured. The two occupants of the boat were immersed but fortunately no loss of life accrued, as assistance from the ship was speedily at hand.

The Goodwin self-levelling berth for preventing subsidence has just been inspected by a large number of representative firms from the various ocean steamship companies. The general opinion of the invention was most favourable, the almost unanimous verdict being that the difficulty which has for so many years vexed the minds of inventors has been solved. More than one of the great Atlantic companies have, it is said, endeavoured to secure the patent in view of the enormous influx of visitors to Europe during the Paris Exhibition.—*Court Journal*.

An amusing story comes from the smoke-room of the House of Commons. Certain Members came to the conclusion that, for want of a man to whom they could speak their minds, they should elect a "Speaker," who should utter the name of the fugitive should he find half a crown. Everyone in the room snared the trap, but nearly every new-comer fell into it, each motion of the notorious witness being heralded with a roar of delight. In a very short time forty-half-crowns were collected.

PUNCH ON SYNDICATES.—King here and ring there. Everything seems to indicate that Mammon's right to rule must be vindicated.

He'll never be content
Till it's sixty per cent.
The whole solar system is run by a syndicate,
And then some shrewd knave, since old Sol is our one light,
Will want to establish a "corner in Sun-light."

Last winter, it will be remembered, an English sailing-vessel on a voyage to Manilla was wrecked at Ang-mo Kong, in the Sintuk District, North Formosa, and more than ten of the crew disappeared. Mr Bourne, the British Consul, represented to the Governor that the people of the district had boarded and looted the ship while it was yet by no means certain whether she could be got off the shore or not. The missing men might possibly have been killed by them. The Governor sent despatches to the coast to make enquiry, but the people did not hear of their purpose, and delayed the settlement of the question for some time. We hear now that a sum of Tls. 5,000 has been paid in settlement of all claims, the money having been exacted by the authorities from the people of the district where the wreck occurred.—*Hs Pao*.

The North Formosa Railway is going ahead. Originally extending only from Tai-peh to Sih-k'ow, and then prolonged to Nan-k'ung, it is now being pushed on to Wu-tn and Luh-tun, and is expected to reach Kelung this summer or autumn if the rains do not fall. Great credit is due to Mr Morrison for his able direction of the foreign staff under him at the Kelung coal-mines. The Governor of Formosa has obtained through Mr Bourne, British Consul, two new coal-fields from England, which arrived on 4th March. One is called Bow-sa (F. Bourne), the other Kaitown (J.). An annual independent occurrence which Consul took round to introduce them to the Governor; one of them, ignorant of the etiquette always observed, wishing to be carried right into the inner Court of the Yamen in his sedan-chair, like the Consul, and having to be stopped and requested to perform this short last part of the journey on foot.—*Hs Pao*.

FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR.—That the Colonial Office authorities do not appear to show any extraordinary solicitude for the speedy completion of the great public and private works which are now in the hands of the Public Works Department.

That Victoria College (viz. Head-Master's official wall) and the Water Supply have more than once been spoken of as completed, but are not so.

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Registration of the Supreme Court, the convenience to the public thereby gained was admitted by every one.

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

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The Chairman.—Gentlemen, this is our statutory meeting called in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance, and consequently it is of a merely formal character.

The shares of the Company have, I am glad to inform you, all been taken up and paid for. It will be satisfactory to you to learn that we have already commenced business with a good result.

That a standard of excellence should be arrived at, and contractors should be tied down to that standard by a proper system of supervision.

That I acknowledge the difficulty of getting Chinese contractors to put in the quality of work specified, and have heard contractors give amusing explanations of how this is successfully evaded.

That a contractor once replied to me, by taking out two ten-dollar bills and folding them up, separately, adding, "Suppose my puttee, eye can see, eye can shutte; being China fashion—Hi yah!"

That considering the prices which I have heard are always paid for Government work, there should be no trouble in securing a few honest contractors, careful supervision, good work, and consequently good and permanent roads.

That, speaking of roads reminds me of the quagmire in front of the City Hall, which is a disgrace to any civilised Government, and could never continue to exist under a Municipality.

That the Babat of confusion when an assemblage of theatre-goers attempt to get home from the Theatre Royal here is bad enough at any time, but the consequences witnessed of late, at the close of a performance, when ladies had literally to wade through liquid mud to find their sedans, were enough to break the heart of even an old bachelor.

That I am glad to note that the meetings of certain public Companies are to be known henceforth as "conversations," for I have a notion that the proceeding may thereby become more harmonious and less formal.

That a new general turned out to be an old China hand and will start upon his duties with all the benefit of experience already acquired.

That the recent episode in the Council has made a profound impression on the community, and residents will watch with interest the developments of the new syndicate.

That German steamer-owners have suddenly taken to fitting their life-boats with copper tanks instead of woollen ones, as British owners have had to do for a long time.

That things appear to have got very much mixed up in the Magistrate's Court this week.

That Chinese ideas as regards progress are certainly peculiar.

That the Viceroy Kwangtung proposes converting the recently-erected Mint into a cloth-weaving manufacture—a somewhat expensive mode of ousting the much-diluted foreigner and his wife.

That the Viceroy can hardly be alive to the recent material fall in copper and its bearings on mining operations.

That Mr Laptak seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr Michaelson proposed the third resolution.

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THE CHINA MERCHANTS' STREAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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The Vice-roy Li Hung-chang has sanctioned a bonus of ten per cent. for the last three years to the Directors and staff; this bonus for the preceding two years amounts to Tls. 27,101, being one tenth of the net profits for that year; and for the preceding two years it amounts to Tls. 32,657, of which only Tls. 16,405 remained to be paid now. The total paid to Directors and staff being thus Tls. 42,670, the balance carried forward to the end of next year's account is Tls. 55,091.

THE WESTERN LOCHINVAR.
Young Lochinvar came in from the West
With fringe on his trousers and fur on his
vest :
The width of his hat-brim could nowhere
be beat—
His number ten brogans were chock full of
feet ;
His girdle was horrent with pistols and
things,
And he flourished a handful of aces and
king.

The fair Mariana sat watching a star,
When who should turn up but the young
Lochinvar ?
Her pulchritude gave him a pectoral glow
And he raised up his hose with stononian
'who ?'

Then turned on the maiden a rapturous
grin
And modestly asked if he mightn't stop in.

With presence of mind that was marvellous
quite,
The fair Mariana replied that he might ;
So through the portal strode young
Lochinvar—

Prescribed the claim and cleaned out the
bar—
Though the Justice allowed he wasn't
wholly to blame,
He taxed him ten dollars and costs, just
the same.

—Eugene Field, in the Chicago News.

PICTURESQUE AFRICAN WOMEN.

TRAVERSING AFRICA OVER THE
CHAINS OF THE FATHOMS.

The explorer, Von Franzen, was engaged, a while ago, sketching an African village, which was a little out of the common, because all the houses were built on platforms which kept them out of reach of high water when the river overflowed its banks. While engaged with this sketch, he says, his attention was suddenly riveted by "a black beauty." Many Caucasian ladies, he thinks, could well envy this primitive maiden for her skill in the arts of coquetry as she posed herself now on this side, now on that, and paced daintily to and fro along the bank, her big black eyes alight with the bewitching smile. One would hardly notice the fact, he says, that she was scantily attired, so well was the lack

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Several recent travellers have spoken in quite complimentary and appreciative language of some of the ladies they have met in Africa. Bucor had not gone inland 100 miles from Zanzibar before he was expressing his admiration for the "young and pretty negroes and their attractive forms." He found opportunity to observe that their shoulders are round and, when their forms are exquisitely moulded, their forms are perfect. "Our brown beauties," he adds, "were not particularly shy, but at the same time they were quite reserved. They would ask us timidly for permission to pass their hands over our skin, when whitened astonishment took hold of them, but they retired in good order whenever we offered reciprocally to pat their shoulders or cheeks."

Another traveller, who has just written a description of several African tribes, thinks that the poorest taste in the way of ornaments is shown among the Bayanasi, who wear beads and their necks weighing twenty-five pounds apiece. The flesh under these rings, he says, is in many cases continually chafed and raw, and for hours at a time the women support their rings on their hands in order to relieve the pressure upon their necks. And yet no well-to-do married woman would think that she could exist without her neck ring; and when they are asked if this ornament is not an uncomfortable thing to wear, they always pretend that they do not understand, and proceed daintily to and fro along the bank, their big black eyes alight with the bewitching smile.

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"But you said you could trust my judgment."

"Never did ! No woman on earth has judgment enough to use a \$10 bill."

"And you said it had only to ask you when I wanted money."

"But I meant to have explained to you, Mrs. Bower. There are times when the best of us may be hard up. Never ask me at tax-time. Never ask me when I have cash to buy. Never ask me in the spring when I shall be making repairs. Don't ask during the holiday season, for then I am buying presents. In fact, when I can spare any money I will give it to you without asking."

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"I—I hardly know."

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"Very well. This is Saturday. Here's your money. When Saturday comes hold out your hand for your money. I don't believe in a wife crawling and begging for money."

"You did ! Who gave you permission to find my money sound for gamblers ? Doesn't half of it belong to me ?"

"I beg by a longshot."

"But before we were married you said it would."

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